CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A code division multiple access user equipment for use in receiving a plurality of data signals received over a shared spectrum, each received data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the user equipment comprising:

means for receiving a combined signal of the received data signals over the shared spectrum;

means for sampling the combined signal at a multiple of a chip rate of the received data signals;

means for estimating a channel response for the combined signal at the multiple of the chip rate;

means for determining a first element of a spread data vector using the combined signal samples and the estimated channel response;

means for using a factor from the first element determination to determine remaining elements of the spread data vector; and

means for estimating data of the data signals using the determined elements of the spread data vector.

- 2. The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the factor is derived using the channel response.
- 3. The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is N-multiple of the chip rate and the factor is $\mathbf{v}^{\mathbf{H}}$ and a first element of each channel response matrix corresponding to each N-multiple of the chip rate is $h_1(0)$, $h_2(0)$... $h_N(0)$ and

$$v^{H} = \left[\left[h_{1}(0) \dots h_{N}(0) \right] \begin{bmatrix} h_{1}(0) \\ \vdots \\ h_{N}(0) \end{bmatrix} \right]^{-1} \left[h_{1}(0) \dots h_{N}(0) \right].$$

4. The user equipment of claim 3 wherein N is 2 and

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{H}} = \left[\left[h_1(0)h_2(0) \left[h_1(0) \right] \right]^{-1} \left[h_1(0)h_2(0) \right].$$

- 5. The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the data estimating is by despreading the spread data vector.
- 6. The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the factor is stored prior to the remaining elements determination.
- 7. A code division multiple access user equipment for use in receiving a plurality of data signals received over a shared spectrum, each received data signal experiencing a similar channel response, the receiver comprising:

an antenna for receiving a combined signal of the received data signals over the shared spectrum;

a sampling device for sampling the combined signal at a multiple of a chip rate of the received data signals;

a channel estimation device for estimating a channel response for the combined signal at the multiple of the chip rate; and

a single user detection device for determining a first element of a spread data vector using the combined signal samples and the estimated channel response and for using a factor from the first element determination to determine remaining elements of the spread data

vector;

wherein data of the data signals is estimated from the spread data vector.

- 8. The user equipment of claim 7 wherein the factor is derived using the channel response.
- 9. The user equipment of claim 7 wherein the multiple of the chip rate is N-multiple of the chip rate and the factor is $\mathbf{v}^{\mathbf{H}}$ and a first element of each channel response matrix corresponding to each N-multiple of the chip rate is $h_1(0)$, $h_2(0)$... $h_N(0)$ and

$$v^{H} = \left\{ \left[h_{1}(0) \dots h_{N}(0) \right] \begin{bmatrix} h_{1}(0) \\ \vdots \\ h_{N}(0) \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{-1} \left[h_{1}(0) \dots h_{N}(0) \right].$$

10. The user equipment of claim 9 wherein N is 2 and

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{H}} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} h_1(0)h_2(0) \\ h_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{-1} [h_1(0)h_2(0)].$$

- 11. The user equipment of claim 7 wherein the data estimating is by despreading the spread data vector.
- 12. The user equipment of claim 7 wherein the factor is stored prior to the remaining elements determination.